



## **Maryland General Assembly**

### **Frederick County Legislative Delegation**

Minutes for Frederick County Delegation Meeting  
Friday, January 10, 2014 – 9:00am  
Lowe House Office Building – Room 406

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Members in Attendance:	Senators:	Brinkley (Chair) and Young
	Delegates:	Afzali, Elliott, Hogan, Hough, and Schulz

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Also Present: Andy Lantner (Delegation Counsel), Rebecca Fishack (Chair's Staff), Joan Aquilino (Delegate Schulz's Staff), Ted Dacey (Delegate Hough's Staff), Allie (Delegate Hogan's Staff), Eric Schmitz (Delegate Afzali's Staff), Ragen Cherney (Frederick County Staff), Jeanette Ortiz, Esq. (Greenwill Consulting Group, LLC), John Favazza, Bethany Rogers (Frederick News Post).

Absent: Delegate Clagett (Vice Chair)  
(Due to the inclement weather, members and staff of Frederick County Government were unable to attend the Delegation meeting.)

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Senator Brinkley convened the meeting at 9:04am by leading the Delegation in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Brinkley led a discussion of the proposed elections of Delegation Chair and Vice Chair and suggested that the elections be postponed until the next Delegation meeting due to the absence of Delegation Vice Chair Clagett. Hough motioned to move forward and hold elections today-seconded by Afzali. Motion **FAILED**.

Brinkley led a discussion of the minutes from the last Delegation meeting from the 2013 Session. Due to a staff change in Brinkley's office the minutes from the 2/22/2013 meeting were not completed for review and approval for today's meeting. Brinkley's staff will prepare the minutes for approval for the next scheduled Delegation meeting.

#### **Frederick County Board of County Commissioners Legislative Package:**

Authority to Allow Payment of Wages with a Debit Card: Schulz mentioned she has contacted the Maryland Bankers Association with some questions and requested this issue be deferred to the next scheduled Delegation meeting.

Property Tax Exemption for Properties Owned by a Land Trust: Hogan requested this issued be deferred to the next scheduled Delegation meeting.

Removal/Modification of Mandatory Stormwater Management Fee: Young requested this issue be deferred to the next scheduled Delegation meeting.

Elimination to Reference to Maximum Value of Gaming Permits Issued for Raffles: Hogan motioned for the Delegation to accept as a Delegation Bill–Hough seconded. Motion **PASSED** unanimously.

Amendments to the Annotated Code of Maryland Pertaining to Charter Government Transition: Lantner mentioned he is working with Frederick County Attorney John Mathias to clean up the language “governing body,” a term used in the past to describe the County Commissioners. Request to defer this issue until the next Delegation meeting.

Return to Property Tax Exemption for Properties Owned by a Land Trust: Hogan mentioned he may introduce state-wide legislation separate from any Delegation legislation. Schulz motioned to accept as a Delegation Bill–Hogan seconded. Motion **PASSED** unanimously.

Salary Adjustments (Frederick County Sheriff and Judges of the Orphans Court): Brinkley mentioned any salary adjustments would not take effect until the next election.

Hough mentioned the Orphans Court Judges request is not in line with the average salary of others in the State.

Schulz mentioned that \$10k is the average salary when full time Orphans Court Judges are considered.

Brinkley requested this issue be deferred to the next scheduled Delegation meeting.

Frederick County Sheriff’s Salary: Brinkley motioned to increase the annual salary to \$125,000.

Afzali requested discussion. Opposes any salary increases and mentioned salary increases sends wrong message to constituents who are unemployed.

With having no second to Brinkley’s motion, motion **FAILED**.

Request to defer to the next scheduled Delegation meeting.

Modification to Frederick County Hotel/Motel Tax for Tourism: Young motioned to accept as a Delegation Bill–Elliott seconded. Schulz requested this issue be deferred until John Fieseler, Executive Director of Tourism is present. Motion **FAILED**. Issue deferred until next scheduled Delegation meeting.

New Business:

Frederick County Board of License Commissioners (Liquor Board): Brinkley mentioned three items that have been brought to the attention of members of the Delegation.

A. Cruvinet System

B. Myersville Lions Club Request for a special one day license. Schulz mentioned she has a bill being drafted and will bring it before the Delegation for consideration. The bill is to include civic and veterans organizations.

C. Class 5 Breweries (Flying Dog Brewery)

Bond Bill Requests: Young mentioned he has three requests.

Brinkley has no requests.

Afzali has a request for Middletown Sports Arena Concession Stand.

Hogan has a request for Governor Thomas Johnson High Boosters.

Board of Elections: Schulz mentioned she would like to have a discussion during the next Delegation meeting regarding special elections and voting requirements.

Brinkley motioned to adjourn- Schulz seconded. The motion **PASSED** unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:35am.

Minutes approved: January 24, 2014